

pursuant to Executive Order 11423 of August 16, 1968, as amended by Executive Order 12847 of May 17, 1993, seeking authorization to construct a conveyor belt at a site east of the Calexico/Mexicali II Port of Entry linking California and Baja California. The proposed conveyor belt would carry construction aggregate (size-segregated rock and sand) for use in road-paving projects in California. The conveyor belt would be approximately 1,081 feet long and ten feet wide, supported by between 13 and 15 pylons fixed in place. The conveyor belt would only be able to operate in a northerly direction, from Mexico to the U.S. When not in use, it would be stowed and locked entirely on the U.S. side of the border.

As required by E.O. 11423, the Department of State is circulating this application to concerned agencies for comment.

Interested parties may submit comments regarding this application in writing by July 5, 2000 to Mr. David E. Randolph, Coordinator, U.S.-Mexico Border Affairs, Office of Mexican Affairs, WHA/MEX Room 4258, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520. The application and related documents made part of the record to be considered by the Department of State in connection with this application are available for inspection in the Office of Mexican Affairs during normal business hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David E. Randolph, Coordinator, U.S.-Mexico Border Affairs at the above address, by telephone at (202) 647-8529 or by fax at (202) 647-5752.

Dated: May 30, 2000.

**David E. Randolph,**

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## SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

### Notice of Compliance Incentive Program for SRBC Regulations

#### A. Purpose

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) approved Resolution 2000-03 on April 18, 2000 establishing a "Compliance Incentive Program" to encourage *existing*, *unapproved* water users to come into compliance with SRBC's water withdrawal and consumptive water use regulations. During the compliance incentive period, SRBC will not assess penalties *provided that applications are*

*submitted by specified deadlines* and the noncompliance has not: (1) Adversely affected the environment; or (2) interfered with other water users. Because penalties are being waived, the need for settlements is likewise avoided (including those involving payments for prior consumptive water use). SRBC's objective is to have *all water users in the basin* compliant with SRBC's water management regulations. Universal compliance serves to enhance SRBC's ability to properly plan for and manage the basin's water resources.

#### B. SRBC's Existing Regulations Subject to Compliance Incentive Program

- 18 CFR 803.42—Consumptive Use of Water (This Requirement is not applicable to Agriculture)—more than 20,000 gallons per day (gpd) (averaged over 30 consecutive days) from any ground or surface water sources as of January 23, 1971. This regulation does not apply to projects that existed before January 23, 1971, UNLESS they increased their consumptive water use by more than 20,000 gpd after that date. Consumptive use of water is use in such a manner that the water does not return to the river basin; *e.g.* evaporation, incorporation into a product, diversion into another river basin.

- 18 CFR 803.43—Ground-Water Withdrawals—more than 100,000 gpd (averaged over 30 consecutive days) as of July 13, 1978. This regulation does not apply to projects that existed before July 13, 1978, UNLESS they increased their ground-water withdrawals by more than 100,000 gpd after that date.

- 18 CFR 803.44—Surface Water Withdrawals—more than 100,000 gpd (averaged over 30 consecutive days) as of November 11, 1995. This regulation does not apply to projects that existed before November 11, 1995 UNLESS they increased their ground-water withdrawals by more than 100,000 gpd after that date.

#### C. Eligible Applicants

To be eligible, unapproved water users must submit their water withdrawal and/or consumptive use applications by JUNE 30, 2001 (except for previously notified golf courses that are subject to alternate deadlines). During the eligibility period, the SRBC will not assess penalties. As noted above, because penalties are being waived, the need for settlements is likewise avoided (including those involving payments for prior consumptive water use).

The approved method of compliance for consumptive use will be effective January 1, 2001, regardless of when SRBC acts on the applications.

Application fees are *not* waived during this compliance incentive period.

#### D. Where to Obtain Additional Information

To obtain more information, contact the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 1721 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102-2391; Phone: 717-238-0423, fax: 717-238-2436. We also encourage you to visit our website at <http://www.srbcc.net> where the text of Resolution 2000-03 and SRBC's regulations and application forms are available. You may also e-mail us at [srbcc@srbcc.net](mailto:srbcc@srbcc.net).

Dated: May 18, 2000.

**Paul O. Swartz,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33801]

#### Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company—Acquisition Exemption—Lines of Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway

Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company (WSOR), a Class III rail common carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate approximately 6.73 miles of a series of short rail lines in North Milwaukee, WI, known as the Gibson Line or the Gibson Spur, owned by Soo Line Railroad Company d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR),<sup>1</sup> which it currently leases and operates from CPR.<sup>2</sup>

The lines to be acquired are as follows: (1) The Horicon Line, from Point A at milepost 93.72, the division of ownership with the State of Wisconsin, to Point B at milepost 93.20 in the vicinity of Glendale Yard; (2) the Canco Line, from Point B at milepost 93.20 extending in a northerly direction to Point C at milepost 95.18, the division of ownership with the Wisconsin Central Limited; (3) the Nut Line, from Point B at milepost 93.20 extending in a southeasterly direction to Point E at milepost 96.76; and (4) the Cement Line, an industry spur extending from switch with the Nut

<sup>1</sup> WSOR states in its notice that it has executed an asset purchase agreement with CPR to acquire the above-described rail lines.

<sup>2</sup> See *Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Co.—Lease and Operation Exemption—Soo Line Railroad Company, d/b/a CP Rail System*, Finance Docket No. 32706 (ICC served July 14, 1995).